

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding group of young women who have enjoyed considerable success through steadfast commitment to the highest standards of excellence in athletics; and

Whereas, the Republic High School Girls Basketball Team distinguished itself by taking First Place in the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) Class 4 State Basketball Championship held March 13, 2004; and

Whereas, the talented Lady Tigers clawed the Class 4 title from the hands of the defending champions, the Duchesne Lady Pioneers, by leading for almost the entire game en route to a 61-55 victory at the Hearn Center in Columbia; and

Whereas, the Republic Lady Tigers worked hard to dazzle their many fans during their remarkable 2003-2004 season, which they finished with an impressive overall record of 24-7; and

Whereas, special words of commendation go out to Lady Tigers Amanda Gimlin, Josie Sparkman, and Kelsey Lock, all of whom were named to the prestigious All-COC team; and

Whereas, the Lady Tigers could not have attained such phenomenal success this season without the exemplary leadership provided by Head Coach and 2004 "Coach of the Year" Kris Flood, and Assistant Coaches Tori Mooneyham and Kayla England, who have instilled within each of their talented players the desire to realize their full potential; and

Whereas, few high school athletes possess the athletic prowess of Lady Tigers Kelsey Lock, Stacy Edwards, Josie Sparkman, Amanda Gardner, Krystal Glessner, Amanda Gimlin, Alaina Sparkman, Katherine Springston, Alena Keller, Jennifer Nichols, Jocelyn Butler, and Holly Davison:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to the members and coaches of the 2003-2004 Republic High School Girls Basketball Team for taking First Place in the MSHSAA Class 4 State Basketball Championship, and further extend to them our very best wishes for continued success in all their future competitions; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Lady Tiger Jennifer Nichols.

Offered by _____
Representative James Viebrock
District No. 134

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1621, adopted April 8, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker